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Honorable Thomas S. Foley
House of Representatives
1201 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Foley:

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We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

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Richard J. Shiben
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Private Radio Bureau

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HON. THOMAS S. FOLEY

The Honorable Thomas S. Foley
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Federal Communications Commission NPRM-PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Foley:

I have constructed and operated radio controlled model airplanes for over 20 years and own over \$2,000.00 worth of radio equipment which would be rendered unusable or at the best unsafe if PR Docket 92-235 is adopted. I am very concerned that the rules currently under consideration will result in dangerous interference between radio control frequencies and the proposed "mobile" frequencies.

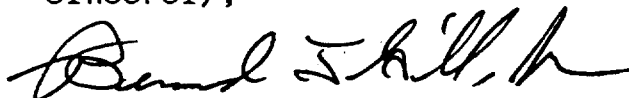
The frequencies currently assigned for model use are in the 72-76 MHz band which is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, the radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other. Under PR Docket 92-235 this will not be the case as the frequencies will be split into narrower bands and the band plan will be rearranged resulting in a loss of 31 frequencies for the radio control of model airplanes and an increased risk of serious accidents.

Please understand that the model airplanes that I fly are expensive, weigh as much as ten pounds, operate at speeds of up to 120 m.p.h. and are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the loss of control of the aircraft. Therefore, I do not think it is wise for the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers.

The FCC may not think that radio control modelers are as important as business users of radios, but myself and other radio control modelers have a considerable investment in models and radio equipment. This investment is seriously threatened by PR Docket 92-235.

Please help in the continued safe operation of radio controlled models by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



Bernard J. Gill, Jr.
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1201 Longworth
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Dear Mr. Foley:

Re: PR Docket 92-235

I have serious concerns regarding proposals being made in this document.
The radio controlled model aircraft hobby not only is important because

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February 18, 1993

The Honorable Thomas Foley
Speaker of the House
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Walla Walla, WA 99362
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The Honorable Tom Foley
1201 Longworth Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Foley...

Many of us in the flying models R/C fraternity are distressed that there is a proposal (PR Docket 92-235) favoring mobil land phone users at our expense by infringing on frequencies now authorized for our use. In recent years, the FCC gave us new frequencies to avoid crowding and reduce accident potential. In reliance that these would be available, new equipment has been developed by the industry and multiple thousands of radio-control sets have been purchased. I personally have some \$10,000 invested in the activity, which constitutes my prime source of enjoyment as a retiree.

The R/C model airplane industry provides a wholesome, liesure activity for thousands of individuals, and also supports thousands of jobs in producing, distributing and selling the various equipment and related supplies. It would be a tremendous disservice to adversely

Mr. [unclear]
U.S. House of Reps
Washington DC 20515

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DEAR Mrs Unsoeld

I HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN AVIATION FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.